

New York State St. Brigid Connection Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians St. Brigid Connection Quarter 3 2022















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President Message: Aggie O'Leary

Hello Sisters,

As we approach the end of the fall season and get ready for the Holidays and winter, I hope you are all well.

All our divisions have been busy with fundraisers, charitable events, and special Masses. Hopefully each of you are sharing your events and pictures in the Connection! This is an excellent way to share what we are doing and get new ideas.

Our fall State Board meeting will be November 5th at the Shamrock House, I look forward to seeing. At our Fall meeting we will have an update on our 2023 Convention.

Your Officers are preparing to send the annual reports. Please remember to follow the directions and return them in the format that is requested. Please, please don't wait till the last minute! Time is needed if there are errors and corrections to be made. Remember annual report and corrections go through the respective State Officer, not directly to the National.

On a personal note, I am honored, proud and overwhelmed to have been chosen the Suffolk County Aid, to the Grand Marshall. of the 2023 New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade.

I look forward to seeing you at our Fall Board Meeting, safe travels.

Aggie

NYS LAOH President











NYS Secretary: Terry Meyer

Dear Sisters,

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer and are now enjoying our fall weather. As you are all now starting your division & county meetings this is a perfect time to prepare for the Secretary Yearend report. Your financial secretary on division levels should be going through the membership list and making sure it is updated. Be sure emails, phone numbers, addresses are correct you also need to know when each member became a member and date they took degrees. This gives you plenty of time to get this information and verify it is correct. This is all information that is required on the yearend report so by gathering it now it will be so much easier and saves you time and stress when it comes time to complete the report.

As always if you have any questions or concerns I am just an email away .I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our fall meeting on 11/5/22 and hope you and yours are all staying safe and well. If you are unable to attend meeting I wish you and yours a very Happy Thanksgiving and a Blessed and Happy Christmas.

Yours in our motto,

Terry

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NYS Missions & Charities: Teresa Kearns

Hello Sisters,

November is the month of All Souls Day, Wednesday, November 2nd. During this time as we remember those who have gone before us, you might want to consider a mass from the Columban Fathers, or an enrollment in memoriam. The Columban Fathers also offer Christmas cards (\$10). So please keep that in mind as the holidays approach.

I have received the third quarter donation reports from National and they are as follows:

Columban Sisters- \$665. Columban Fathers- \$700. Mass Cards- \$250. Appeals for Aid- \$35.60

On Saturday, October 22, 2022 I sat in on a ZOOM meeting hosted by our new National Missions & Charities officer, Natalie Peterinelli. There were only 8 States that listened in. She reviewed a lot of information and answered many questions from those attending. She plans to hold another ZOOM after the new State officers are installed later next summer. She asked that if your Division or County were planning on making a year-end donation to please send them sooner rather than later to help make book keeping easier.

I know that all of your Divisions do so much more than the third quarter numbers show. Local charities are benefiting from all of your generosity.

I'd like to wish you all a blessed Thanksgiving and many joys and happy memories at

Christmas time!

As always in our motto, Teresa Kearns nyslaohmissionscharities@gmail.com 716-531-1431 42 Alexander St. Lockport, NY 14094







NYS Catholic Action: Mary (Sissy) Durkee

Sisters.

I hope all is well with you and your family. I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming state board meeting and President's Testimonial Dinner in East Durham.

You continue to amaze me with your generous donations to Project St. Patrick and SOAR and most recently to the "Team Eastern Kentucky Relief Fund", established after the devastating flooding that took place there and the "Hibernian Humanitarian Fund", which was establish to aid our sisters and brothers after Hurricane Ian. Donations to these causes can be sent to our National Catholic Action Officer:

Kathleen Diulus 117 Summit Dr. Sewickley PA. 15143

Please make checks payable to Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernian's, Inc. and note on the memo line which charities you would like to donate to. I would also ask that you send me a copy of your donations so that I to have a record of our state's donations. You can send that to Mary Durkee

312 4th Street Troy, NY 12180

Again, I look forward to seeing many of you in November. Have a Blessed and Holy Holiday Season.

Mary "Sissy" Durkee

NYS Catholic Action Officer







NYS LAOH Sports Chair Maureen Caffrey

Hurling and Camogie are both hugely popular sports in Ireland and are followed by many people across the country. They rank as the fastest paced field sport in the world and so require a phenomenal level of skill, great fitness and mental strength to play. Men play hurling and women play Camogie. Camogie is played by more than 100,000 women in Ireland and worldwide. While they are similar, different rules apply. Camogie is less physical than hurling. One of the main differences is for the goalkeepers. In hurling the goalies must wear distinctive jerseys from the team, whereas in camogie everyone must dress in the same colour. The ladies wear skirts/divided shorts in camogie. In Camogie, players can score hand passed goals which is illegal in hurling. Players are also allowed to drop their hurl in order to do this. Hurling is administrated by the GAA whereas camogie is not governed by the same body. It is run by the Camogie Association based out of Dublin. Hurling games last 70 minutes while Camogie games last 60 minutes making them 10 minutes shorter. Both games have professional competitions and tournaments. Hurling has the All- Ireland Senior Hurling Championship while Camogie has the All- Ireland Senior Camogie Championship. Fast, furious, exciting, physical - both sports require great skill and are a must see on your trip to Ireland.







NYS LAOH Fundraising Chair Chris McGinn-Brogan

Hi Ladies-

Chris Brogan

Thank you all for participating in our past fund raisers- thanks to your generosity to date we have already donated \$1,000.00 to FFAI & \$1,000.00 to Columban Sisters. We also had a raffle basket at the National Convention with over \$700 in gift cards donated by all of the NY LAOH Divisions.

We have had 2 sisters win \$1,000.00 each, and a sister has won a beach cruiser bike, and we have approximately \$2,000.00 that will be added to the general fund. Our fundraising is not over- due to so many requests, we will have more of the Shamrock Magnets to purchase for \$5.00 a piece.

There is currently a Freedom For All Ireland 50/50 happening now on our States Facebook page. I would be remiss if I don't take this opportunity to remind ALL Counties, that participating in just one of Fundraisers will prevent your county from being assessed an additional fee at years end.

Keep in mind that all of our fundraising activities are a way we can continue to do the good works of our order.

Please be sure to follow our NYSLAOH Facebook page and website too keep up with any fundraisers going forward.

If I can be of any help- please feel free to contact me @ (631) 428-3085.

Yours in Friendship, Unity & Christian Charity,





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NYS LAOH Webmaster Becci Enders

Hello Sisters,

I hope this finds you all well. I am having a great response to the request for articles and photos for the Saint Brigid's Connection. Thank you to everyone that sends articles and photos. Keep them coming!

Please send all articles and pictures for the St Brigid's Connection to nyslaohstbrigidconn@gmail.com .

As always, if you have something you need posted to the FaceBook page or website, please shoot me an email or a text and I will get it posted a quickly as possible.

Take care and have healthy and happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas!







Congratulations to Suffolk County Division 7 Junior LAOH President, Lauren for being awarded the Nation Junior Hibernian of the Year at the National Convention in Pittsburgh!



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LAOH JFK Division 1 Albany

Division 1 Albany Celebrated their 109th Anniversary in September. Hibernian of the Year Elissa O'Reilly was presented with a gift from the Division and a Certificate from the National President. Irish Dancers from the Albany Junior Division performed beautifully and were very well received! Well done girls! Here's to another 109 years of the LAOH in Albany!





Past Division Presidents, Cecilia Leonard and Kathleen Stevens, presenting a check for \$300 to the Holy Cross Family Ministries at our annual "Fr. Peyton Dance" on September 25th.









LAOH JFK Division 1 Albany - continued

Daughters of LAOH JFK Division 1" our Junior Division, delivering hundreds of pull-tabs to Ronald McDonald House in Albany,

following their Jr. Division meeting in September.









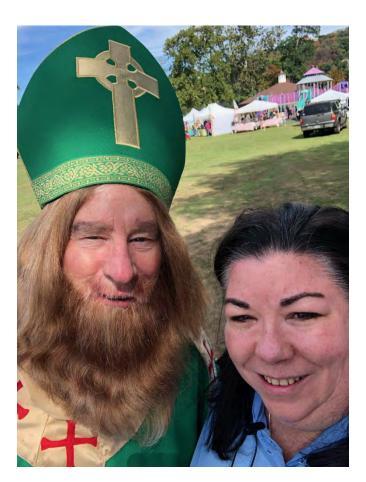




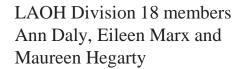


LAOH Division 18 Peekskill

LAOH Division 18, Peekskill NY at the Hudson Valley Irish Festival, on the Peekskill Riverfront, Saturday, September 24, 2022. We sold Irish soda bread and raffles for our annual fall raffle - \$100 worth of scratch off tickets. Many of our members came to help out at the LAOH tent, as well as volunteering at the entrance, beer garden and selling HVIF merchandise. A great day was had by all.



St. Patrick and LAOH Division 18 President Mary Cronin













LAOH Division 4 Huntington

On Friday 9/9, Division 4 Huntington hosted their Annual Hibernian Happy Hour fundraiser where attendees enjoyed bagpipers from Inis Fada Gaelic Pipe Band, lots of raffles, locally brewed beer and delicious food truck offerings. In addition, they collected food from attendees to be distributed through our community pantries.













LAOH Division 4 Huntington - Continued











LAOH Kitty Geissler Division 11

The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Kitty Geissler Division 11, Tarrytown, New York held a very successful bake sale at the Transfiguration Church, Tarrytown, NY the weekend of October 22 & 23, 2022. The baked goods sold out in no time!

This bake sale will help Division 11 continue the work of our order.



Pictured left to right: Colleen Dorsett, Marge Murphy, Alice Geissler Koraca, Irene Daniels







St. Brigid's Connection The Daughters of Erin Steuben County NY #1 Hornell NY

The late summer and fall are busy times for the Daughters of Erin. Participation in the annual Hornell Irish Fest on the third Saturday in August sees the Ladies selling Irish Goods, Chances on a lottery wreath as well as a Wagon of Cheer. The lottery tickets to complete the wreath are donated by the members and the other goods are purchased by the club. The Irish Fest is always a successful event, not only for the LAOH but for the sponsoring local AOH chapter and one that offers lots of craic for those attending.

The third Saturday in September the LAOH "Mans" the food tent at the AOH sponsored Irish Open golf tournament. In addition, the ladies also hold a 50-50 raffle and our annual Golf Balls from heaven ball drop. T was a beautiful day and very successful day for both the AOH and LAOH. Golfers were even generous with their tips!

Plans are made to celebrate the 8th year of the chapter's formation with group Sunday Mass attendance on November 6th followed by a brunch. Members, their guests are invited as well as local clergy.

In lieu of a formal December meeting, the members bring a dish to pass of holiday treats. A collection of pet food and needed goods for the area animal shelter is also done in December.

Other activities throughout the year include: donations are made to various charities as well as to the churches of members and scholarships are given to high school seniors. Twice a year the LAOH prepares meals for the less fortunate though the ecumenical Sunday Meal program.

Members find the LAOH a fun and rewarding organization and we look forward to attending the convention in Rochester in 2023!!!









Orange County LAOH Monroe & LAOH Juniors Division 5

Our Juniors are back at it. We met on 9/25. They were raring to go with great ideas for this year.

Our next meeting will be 11/6 and it will be followed with our annual Halloween party. The girls will come dressed in costumes and will bring a potluck donation to share. All are welcome to join.

We discussed food drive, Toy drive and possibly another clothing drive.

For our October meeting each girl will bring a donation of canned/dry goods which will be donated to Our Father's Kitchen for Thanksgiving. There will be a box set up at AOH Monroe.

For our November meeting, a box will be set up for a toy drive. Each girl will donate 2 gifts each. One for a boy and one for a girl. A box will be set up at AOH Monroe.

Lastly, our Jrs. will be volunteering at the Ladies Christmas Market. They will come dressed as their favorite Christmas character. They will be walking around and taking photos with children.











Orange County LAOH Division 6

Division 6 members did fundraisers throughout the spring and summer to support local charities as well as LAOH state and national charities. On August 14 we participated in the Monticello Bagelfest and the proceeds from our yard sale once again fully fund the two scholarships we offer yearly.

Some of the Organizations we have been able to donate to include Shepherds Pantry, Livingston Manor soup kitchen, and Monastery of Bethlehem. We have been able to send money to the New York State LAOH humanitarian fund, sponsored Saint Stephen's Church senior bus, and support our own Orange County LAOH charity raffle. We were able to support two of our sisters during their walks for both the ALS Association and the American Cancer Society.

Division 6 is committed helping those in need in our local communities. We have decided to do an annual raffle in order to continue to fund different charities in our communities. Our holiday raffle runs from October 13 and will end on December 11. Ann Pirock, our Treasurer, heads the annual holiday raffle drive.

Division 6 is grateful for the community support we have received. We are grateful that our sisters throughout the state have supported our fundraisers.







Orange County LAOH Division 2 Cornwall

This year we continue to have new members. There are approximately 24 members including Honor members. We have good attendance and meet at the Irish Cultural Center in Cornwall. We had a yard sale at the Coldenham fire house this year with good success. Last year we shopped for a family in need for Christmas from Catholic Charities. Sadly, we lost member Karen Monte as she passed away unexpectedly. Sever members attended the services. We are looking forward to the 2022-2023 season.











Orange County LAOH Division 2 Cornwall - continued











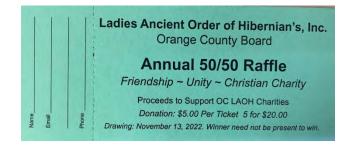


Orange County LAOH

OCLAOH had a beautiful celebration for Our Lady of Knock Feast Day. We celebrated mass at Sacred Heart Church, Monroe with Father Mathias, a visiting missionary priest who has been in the front lines in Poland/Ukraine. After mass we went to the Captains Table and enjoyed a great meal together. President Ann Marie Mulholland was so proud to present Mary Wingenter with her Past President pin and thank her for her many years of service to our order and for her leadership.



Please support our Annual 50/50 raffle fundraiser for local charities! The winning ticket will be drawn on Nov. 13th, winner need not be present. Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20. Venmo Payment to @AnnMarie-Mulholland, last 4 #'s of phone are 4161



OCLAOH is excited to host the Suffolk County Degree team on Oct. 30th to confer the Degrees of our Order to division members from the Hudson Valley area.







Orange County LAOH - Continued

VENDORS WANTED!!! Orange County LAOH will be hosting a Christmas Market & Craft Fair on Sunday, December 18th, 2022 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Washingtonville. 11am - 5pm. We are raising money for Toys for Tots; Orange County Food Pantries & Local Charities. Entrance Fee \$10 per family or FREE w/Toy Donation!

We have many talented LAOH Sisters and we would love to help promote your business, Fill out a vendor application ASAP if you would like to participate! Apply online here: https://tinyurl.com/OCLAOHVendorApp

Our LAOH Sister Maria Codd-Perez, OCLAOH Treasurer is a Breast Cancer survivor! She is participating in the American Cancer Society's Fuel the Fight Against Breast Cancer - Making Strides of Hudson Valley Fundraiser and is close to meeting her goal of raising \$5000. We all know someone who has been affected by breast cancer! If you can, please make a donation to support their survival story or to honor their memory. Attributes://www.facebook.com/donate/421001506518192/?fundraiser_source=external_url







Monroe County Division 1 & 4

We continue to work on the New York State Convention to be taking place here in July of 2024. It's an exciting time and we look forward to hosting our Sisters!

Our monthly charitable and/or mission projects have really taken off. In June we donated money to purchase refreshments at the Mary Cariola Center's graduation events. In the past we donated homemade baked goods but have not been able to do that since Covid. Mary Cariola is a school that serves students with different abilities from preschool up to 21 years of age. Thank you' Pat Crowley for organizing our participation. Our July mission was sponsoring our LAOH sister, Patty Flanigan, as she rode her bicycle for the Diabetes fundraiser, Tour de Cure. Our August project was completed in September. On September 18th eight of our ladies volunteered at Mary Cariola's annual walk-a-thon. We worked at the tee shirt table and helped at the registration table. Thank you, Pat Crowley, for again coordinating our part in this fun event. The September project was one that we have been working towards for a while now. Thank you, Theresa Gangemi, for persevering! Holy Sepulcher is a large cemetery in Rochester. For some time now we have been trying to arrange our cleaning of the graves of nuns from the Sisters of St Joseph and Sisters of Mercy orders. The grave markers were flush with the ground, overgrown and were barely visible. The first job was to clear around them so that they could be seen. On September 25th participants were asked to bring work gloves, small spades and gardening tools and a lot of energy to start the work! Several other Irish community groups expressed interest in participating. Members of the LAOH, AOH, Emerald Society and O'Rorke Society all worked together and were able to clear 500 grave makers and make them visible! After working from noon to three PM everyone gathered at Romig's restaurant to rest and celebrate the days accomplishments.









St. Brigid's Connection Monroe County Division 1 & 4 - Continued







Monroe County Division 1 & 4

Rochester has the good fortune to have two special connections to places in Ireland. Rochester's Ireland Sister City is Waterford. Our International Sister County is Cavan. On September 23rd we welcomed the Mayor of the city of Cavan, John Paul Feeley and his wife Niamh and County Executive of the county of Cavan, Tommy Ryan and his wife Ann to Rochester. The weekend was one full of activities; lunch at Genesee Brew House, dinner with Monroe County Executive, Adam Bello, signing of a proclamation about being Sister Cities, the opening of the Fringe Fest (a local festival of the performing arts), and a meeting with the Mayor of Rochester, Malik Evans. A highlight was the visit to Holy Sepulcher Cemetery where the graves of Colonel Patrick O'Rorke, a Civil War hero who was born in County Cavan and the that of Catherine Wheelright, mother of Eamon DeValera are located. Unfortunately, the attempt to go on a ride of the Erie Canal was fraught with scheduling and mechanical issues. But the Cavan visitors did walk along the canal and were able to see what many, many Irishmen built! Saturday night there was a casual dinner at Timothy Patrick's East Rochester where food and song were enjoyed by all. Local television station WHAM channel 13 featured the visit on their Bright Spot segment, a nightly feature that highlights a story of local interest. We were invited to go to Ireland in July for a global homecoming festival, Cavan Calling, for the Cavan Diaspora around the world. Special thanks to Gayle Shalvoy and her husband Chris for coordinating this massive event.











Monroe County Division 1 & 4 - Continued

Our Mass for deceased members will be on November 13th at St John the Evangelist Church on Humboldt St in Rochester. To thank St John's for their hospitality for hosting so many of our Masses will be bringing food items for a local family to give them a Thanksgiving dinner. This will be our November project. Thank you, Anne Brennan for scheduling our Masses.

In December plan to adopt a family or individual(s) through Catholic Family Center and Catholic Charities in December to provide them with holiday gifts and food. Thank you Kathy Weinmann for heading this up again this year.

Thanks to Gayle Shalvoy, Kelly O'Brien and Ellen Hallahan for the photos in this submission.









Suffolk County Division 7 – Our Lady of Knock



We were able to award 3 Appeals for Aid donations from National Convention! We received grants for the Life Center of Long Island, the Islip Breast Cancer Coalition, and Birth Right of Islip.



We took the donations from our monthly Dark Horse raffle and donated to our local Parish Outreaches!





St. Brigid's Connection Suffolk County Division 7 – Our Lady of Knock





We had a great time supporting our Rosin Dubh Pipe Band at their Annual Horseshoe Tournament!











Suffolk County Division 7 – Our Lady of Knock

We had the best time at National Convention in Pittsburgh! We are especially proud of our Junior Girls' President, Lauren, for winning National Junior Girl of the Year!



Ladies Ancient Order of

Hibernians









St. Brigid's Connection Suffolk County Division 7 – Our Lady of Knock



We went to Citi Field to celebrate their Irish Night! Shilelagh Law played outside in the rotunda!











Suffolk County Division 7 – Our Lady of Knock



Our Fundraising Committee threw an end of summer Trivia Event!





We had a great time with our family and friends at our Annual Division 7 AOH/LAOH Picnic!









St. Brigid's Connection Suffolk County Division 7 – Our Lady of Knock



We attended the County Mass and dedication of the Suffolk County Mass Rock with our County AOH Brothers. The Mass Rock is placed at the Kathleen Daly Clarke & Tom Clarke Homesite in Manorville. Thank you to our sister and Suffolk County President Sue O'Neill for helping to plan and organize all of this!















Our Junior Girls hosted a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser! The girls took orders, and served dinner and desert to raise money for their Make-A-Wish Donation!









St. Brigid's Connection Suffolk County Division 7 – Our Lady of Knock

October was a busy month! Thank you to all our sisters on the Celtic Degree Team, and congratulations to our sisters who made their Degree!





We also had our Deceased Members Mass, held with our AOH Brothers at St. Mary's in East Islip. Thank you Father John for a beautiful Mass!





St. Brigid's Connection Suffolk County Division 7 – Our Lady of Knock



We had so much fun at our Wigging Out Party! Thanks to our Fundraising Committee for organizing it!

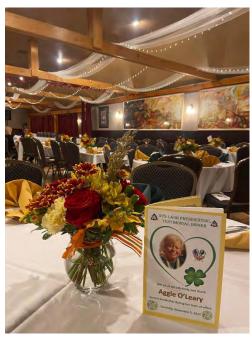


















Aggie with LAOH National President Marilyn Madigan Stephanie Leahy & Teresa Kearns







The Shamrock House



































































The Shamrock House









Congratulations to Father Henry Reid for receiving the NY State AOH Burns-Hayes Award, a Well deserved honor!













In Memorandum

Please take a moment to say a prayer for our deceased members and their families.

Mary Carol Lawless, LAOH Onondaga Division 1
Catherine Harrington, LAOH Division 7 Nassau County
Winifred Larkin, LAOH Division 7 Nassau County
Beverly Ann Pach, LAOH Albany Division
Eileen McDonald Sassmann, LAOH Duchess County Division 1
Jo Ann Wulforst, LAOH Hornell, Division 1, Steuben County
Thelma A. "Tolly" Pelych, LAOH Hornell, Division 1, Steuben County
Lillian M. Hogan, LAOH Westchester Division 11
Roxanne L. Compoli, Division 1 Syracuse
JoAnn Durkin, Division 7 Suffolk
Christine Hinricks, Division 7 Suffolk

Margaret (Peggy) M. Hughes, Division 18 Peekskill Margaret F. Lane, Division 2 Broome County Barbara Leddy, Division 7 Suffolk

Mary (Irene) Miller, Division 7 Suffolk
Mary McMullen, Division 9 Kings County

Mary O'Donoghue, Division 9 Bronx

Maura Roche, Division 19 Yonkers

Roseanne Sheehan, Division 8 Nassau

Ann Walsh, Division 11 Westchester

Linda Wolfe, Division 1

Muriel Persanis, LAOH Division 7 Nassau County Carol Perkinson, LAOH Albany County Division

Patricia Steinhauer, LAOH East Durham Division 32

Nancy L. Carucci, LAOH Albany County Division #1

Susan Vallo, LAOH Kitty Geissler Division 11 Tarrytown







Our LAOH NYS newsletter 'St. Brigid's New York Connection' will have several sections:

LAOH NYS Board articles on what is going on in their office or appointment.

County/Division news- every County and division should be submitting an article about what is going on in your area. Please include details, don't just say we honored someone please say why they are being honored; what is meaning behind the award/honor. Our members do many awesome things so don't be afraid to tell your sisters in New York State. Include your division/county annual events, charity, Mission work, Project St. Patrick events and history projects.

Photographs- Please send photos (Jpegs) in a separate file, DO NOT paste into a Word document. Photos should be a high quality, same as Digest submissions, over 1mb. Identify all persons in photo. DO NOT send photos of drinking- they will not be published.

Special Events- if your division/county is having a special event, charity, or history project please submit it as a separate detailed article.

Please email all submissions to Becci Enders at

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If you have any questions please text, email me or call – 631-413-5881

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