



NYS LAOH Officers' reports for Spring meeting 4/30/22

Presidents Report

April 2022 State Board Meeting

Dear Sisters,

I have been busy with the business of Our Order since our last meeting on November 7, 2021.

I attended a luncheon for Nassau County Woman of the year, Maureen Murphy Ade on November 7, 2021.

I went on a site visit to Rochester the weekend of November 12, 2021, for the 2023 AOH/LAOH Convention, with Vice President Regina Begley, Secretary Terry Meyer and Convention Chair Karen Keane, as reported to the membership this meeting was less than productive.

11/16/21 held zoom meeting with elected Officers regarding Rochester site visit.

11/17/21 held zoom meeting with entire LAOH NYS Board regarding Rochester site visit.

11/19/21 I attended the Freedom for All Ireland event in Albany, where Dolores Desch was Honored as the recipient of the Father Murphy Award. I presented her with a \$1000 from her NYS Sisters as a donation to FFAI in memory of her mother, Katherine Ralieggh.

I attended the Installation of Schenectady County Officers on 11/20/20.

11/21/21 Degree Team Task Force zoom Meeting regarding, National stipends to the degree teams, degree travel team, what constitutes a degree team and degree team banking.

12/3/21 participated in State Presidents meeting with National President Karen Keane regarding the upcoming 2022 National Convention and the possibility of National AOH President O'Connell raising allowing women into the AOH, at the AOH Convention,

1/13 /21 held zoom meeting with County and Division Presidents regarding Rochester site visit.

Throughout the Rochester situation I received, responded to, and shared multiple correspondences with AOH Attorney AJ Smith, AOH President John Manning, AOH Convention representatives, the LAOH State membership, the Rochester Convention Committee, AOH Chaplain Father Henry Reid, and many members of the AOH membership. I also participated in numerous telephone calls regarding this issue. To date there has been no change in President Manning's decision to not honor past convention practices. As a result of President Manning's decision, the LAOH will be conducting a separate 2023 Convention.

I sincerely thank all my LAOH Sisters and AOH Brothers across the State for the support you extended to me during this difficult and time-consuming situation.

1/17/22 Degree Team zoom meetings with National Vice President Marilyn Madigan, regarding National Travel Degree Team.

2/26/22 attended Grand Marshall's Ball for the Our Lady of Knock Division 7, Suffolk County, St Patrick Day parade

2/27/22 participated in State Presidents meeting with National President Karen Keane, regarding issues pertaining to joint AOH/LAOH participation in donations and awards.

3/5/22 attended Nassau County St Bridget's Day Mass and luncheon.

3/5/22 attend St Patrick's Day Dance , at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Division 5 Suffolk County.

3/6/22 Attended Our Lady of Knock Division 7, Suffolk County, St Patrick's Day Parade.

3/8/22 Attended round table discussion on the Good Friday Agreement, reconciliation, and legacy issues at the Irish Consulates Office, with National Freedom For All Ireland Chair, Dolores Desch, Minister for Defense/Minister for Foreign Affairs, Simon Coveney, and Consulate General of Ireland, Helena Nolan.

3/12/22 attended Kevin Barry Division 3, Kings Park, St Patrick's Day Dance honoring LAOH sister Mary Herbert.

3/17/22 Attended St Patrick's Day Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral.

I attended my Division, County Meetings, and Celtic Degree Team meetings.

I responded to all emails, texts, and telephone calls from our membership, hopefully in a timely manner!

Respectfully Submitted,
Yours in Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity,
Aggie
Agnes O'Leary, President
New York State, Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians

Vice President

March 20, 2022

Dear Sisters,

Although the calendar says Spring, it's still a bit chilly but I think we can safely kiss Winter good bye and give serious thought to warmer, sunnier days. As I write this report, St. Patrick's Day season is winding down. I did participate in 3 parades, including the NYC Parade where NYS Treasurer, JoAnn Gunderson and myself were joined by Ladies from Nassau County, Westchester County and Kings County. Thank you Ladies for marching up the Avenue on March 17th to commemorate and honor St. Patrick, our heritage and our faith. And of course, starting out the day at Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral was and always will be, a spectacular experience.

Our Juniors throughout the State are gearing up once again, post pandemic, and I am looking forward to sharing with all of you the events our Juniors are planning. I am also hoping to attend our Junior events when possible, so Junior Coordinators, don't forget about me!

Our Degree Teams for the most part, are in full swing again. After a brief hiatus for the Christmas holiday, The Suffolk County Celtic Degree team has been meeting and practicing monthly. The Trinity Degree team from the Capital District has also been practicing and will be conferring the Degrees of our Order on Saturday, April 23rd at 11AM. I know that Schenectady may be a distance for many of you, but there are Counties and Divisions that would be able to participate. All Candidates, as well as Observers are welcome!

Please remember that any Lady Hibernian wishing to advance in the leadership of the LAOH, or members looking for a deeper understanding of our Order should take their Degrees.

I sent an email with the details of the Degree Ceremony at the end of February but have attached the registration form to this report. Please note the registration form is due by April 14th.

Last but not least, thank you for the timely submission of your Junior and Degree Team 2021 year end reports.

Your in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Regina Begley
NYS Vice President
LAOH, Inc.

**LAOH Capital District
Trinity Degree Team**

Registration for Degrees in Schenectady Co. 4/23/22

The exemplification of the Major Degrees of the **Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians** will held be on **Saturday, April 23, 2022, in Schenectady County at the Schenectady Hibernian Hall located at 1748 State St., Schenectady, NY, 12304. Registration begins at 10:00 am and the ceremony starts promptly at 11:00. All candidates and observers should arrive no later than 10:30 am.** A degree card and pin are included in the registration. Certificates are optional and can be ordered for \$5. Please print clearly on your registration form as this name will appear on your degree card and certificate.

All LAOH members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please complete the form below and mail with your **check made payable to: LAOH Trinity Degree Team.**

Send the check and Degree registration information to:
Cecilia Leonard, 1 Nina Drive, Albany, NY 12205

The fee is \$15.00 per person for Candidates and \$10.00 per person for Observers.

Please note that an observer must have received her Degrees and must bring her Degree card to present upon entering.

The deadline for mail in registration is April 14, 2022. For questions pertaining to the Degree, please contact the Degree Team Director, Cathy Turck, by email: cathyturck33@gmail.com

I wish to attend the Major Degrees of the LAOH on Saturday, April 24, 2022

_____ Candidate \$15

_____ Certificate \$5

____ Observer \$ 10

Name _____ Division Name/Number _____

Address _____ County _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Secretary

March 21,2022

Dear Sisters,

Happy Spring! Hope this finds you all well!

Our Spring State meeting will once again be held at Gavin's on Saturday April 30 at 9:30 am. In a separate email I will be sending the officers reports, call to meeting, and attendance sheet which I will need returned to me no later than April 20, please.

I want to thank you all for getting your membership reports in and your patience of me having 3 email addresses you have been sending to-its been a challenge going through 3 to find reports but all are accounted for now -Google has had major issues with the 2 secretary emails and has blocked some of you. I am using the nyslahsecretary1@gmail now so please send any questions or concerns to me at that email for now on and hopefully no more Gmail issues going forward. I have updated the presidents list of emails so if you are still not getting emails from me it is either in your spam folders or email addresses on reports were listed incorrectly. I know lately it's been like a day without sunshine if you don't receive an email from me just about every week but we try to keep you all informed so you can pass on information to your members.

We currently have a total state membership of 3412 that is down but sadly many of our members passed away in 2021 so may they rest in peace. Unfortunately, Richmond County Division1 disbanded in August but Queens County welcomed a new division #4 Trinity formed in 2021 with 68 members joining the LAOH. It was a hard year once again due to Covid so many divisions are working on membership drives and from a few have told me that during parade season they have been able to recruit new members. Congratulations to Cayuga Division 12 and Suffolk Division 7 who both welcomed 18 new members each! Looking forward to seeing you all at our spring meeting and wishing you all a Blessed Happy Easter

Yours in our motto,

Terry

Therese (Terry) Meyer

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Treasurer

April 30, 2022

Dear Sisters,

I hope this letter finds everyone staying healthy and safe, and enjoying the Spring season.

I would like to begin by thanking the County and Division Treasurers for submitting their 2021 Financial Reports, and for all the hard work and many hours it took to complete these reports.

Appeals for Aid Assessments: I had some questions from County and/or Division Treasurers regarding 'who pays the Appeals for Aid assessment'. The assessment for 2021 was \$.50 per member, including Religious and Lifetime Members. (This amount may change when the Appeals for Aid Committee, chaired by the National Missions and Charities Officer, meets for the LAOH National Convention to be held in Pittsburgh, PA in July 2022. If there are any changes to this assessment amount at the Convention, I will forward the information to all County and Division Treasurers (copy to County and Division Presidents). All information for the 2022 LAOH National Convention can be found at: www.ladiesaoh.com .

Per Capita Taxes (LAOH National and State)

In 2021, the 'National' Per Capita Tax was \$5.00 per member, excluding Religious and Lifetime members. The State Per Capita Tax was the same amount. If there are any changes to the National Per Capita Tax for 2022 when the LAOH National Convention takes place in July 2022, I will also forward this information to all County and Division Treasurers (copy to County and Division Presidents). Note: The LAOH 'NYS' Per Capita Tax will stay the same for year 2022.

IRS Correspondence:

If anyone receives correspondence from the IRS, it is imperative to immediately contact LAOH National Treasurer, Sandi Riley Swift. Her contact information is 314-750-6907, e-mail:

laohnationaltreasurer@gmail.com. Only the National Treasurer corresponds with the IRS on matters affecting the LAOH.

Bank Accounts:

The LAOH NYS Auditor, Chris Parisi, will give her Audit Report with our updated Checking and Money Market Balances at our Spring State Board Meeting to be held on Saturday, April 30, 2022, at Gavin's Irish County Inn, 118 Golden Hill Road, Cornwallville, NY 12418. More information on the LAOH NYS Spring State Board Meeting will be sent out by LAOH NYS Secretary, Terry Meyer.

2022 Financial Reports:

We are approaching the second quarter of 2022. I ask all Treasurers to keep records of your County and/or Division finances throughout 2022. It will make it easier to complete your financial reports at the

end of the year. If your County and/or Division(s) has elections in 2022, and a new Treasurer is installed, I ask that the outgoing Treasurer pass on the 2021 Financial Reports to the New Treasurer so she can start reviewing all the financial forms, etc.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,
JoAnn Gundersen, LAOH NYS Treasurer
E-mail: nyslaohtreasurer@gmail.com Cell: 718.219.4378

Missions & Charities

Dear Sisters,

The financial report of our donations for the last quarter of 2021 (Oct.-Dec.) are as follows:

Columban Sisters: \$2,552.00

Columban Fathers: \$1,791.00

Mass Cards: \$460.00

I want to thank Chris Brogan for running the raffle to benefit The Columban Sisters. The winner will be drawn in East Durham.

I am in the process of organizing a charitable collection, together with our AOH Brothers in East Durham. More information will be coming to you soon.

Applications for the National LAOH Appeals For Aid are available on the LAOH website. Due date is May 30, 2022

I want to thank you all for the wonderful charity work you have been accomplishing. Thank you and your Divisions for participating in the National Collection for the Ukraine. Organized by Peggy Cornish distributed by Catholic Relief Services. I have been told that donating to our Brothers and Sisters in the Ukraine is a natural thing to do for the Irish. When you take the colors of Ukraine's flag (blue and yellow) and mix them together, you get GREEN! Please pray for peace and keep the people of Ukraine in your prayers.

As always in our motto,

Teresa

Teresa Kearns

NYS LAOH Missions & Charity

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Catholic Action

Sisters,

Happy Spring! As the busy days of St. Patrick's Day celebrations come to an end I hope everyone had a wonderful time celebrating together. I for one am grateful that we could once more come together and show our pride and heritage as we proudly marched down the avenue. Congratulations to all the 2020-2022 Grand Marshals who finally had their day.

Along with this report is a copy of the donations made to Project St. Patrick and SOAR from October 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021. This is the accounting that I have received from our National Catholic Action Officer. **As a reminder when sending in a donation please make a copy of the report and check for your records, send a copy to your County Catholic Action Officer (if applicable) and a**

copy on to me. I will send out a copy of the 2022 1st Quarter numbers as soon as I receive them from National.

Please make checks out to LAOH Inc. (Not Project St. Patrick or SOAR) with PSP or SOAR in the memo for each donation.

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Have a blessed Easter. I look forward to seeing everyone in East Durham.

In Our Motto,
Mary "Sissy" Durkee
Catholic Action Officer

Immediate Past President

Sisters,

I, like most of you, am anxiously awaiting the sunshine and warmth of Spring and our chance to get together once again. I must say that being a "past" is a lot quieter than what I was used to. I have been keeping busy with Hibernian activities and finally acted as the co- Grand Marshal in the Albany St. Patrick's Day parade (we have been on hold since 2020).

In my new "role" as organizer, I have had a few opportunities to connect ladies wishing to join our Order with Divisions in their localities. I hope they become active members and enjoy the friendship of our sisters.

In my first effort to raise funds for the Patricia Doyle Memorial fund Grants, I mailed raffle tickets to County/ Division presidents in early March and the drawing will be held at the April 30 State Board meeting. The raffle consists of Five (5) prizes---\$500.00, \$250.00, \$100.00, \$100.00, \$100.00 and tickets cost \$10.00. The proceeds from our Pat Doyle fundraisers support the grants we give to charities at our New York State convention in 2023. I will have raffle tickets available at East Durham and if you would like to purchase any now you can contact me at home.

If you have any questions or would like to have some help with recruiting members, please feel free to contact me at (518) 274-8448 or email mbdurk7@gmail.com .

Until we meet in East Durham, God Bless

Mary Beth Durkee

NYS LAOH Past President

FFAI

Hello Sisters,

The winter seems to be coming to an end and we all look forward to the spring and warmer weather. Our 2021-2022 Christmas Appeal end on January 15 and I am so proud to report that 19 Divisions/Counties and the State Board all participated and raised \$10,282.00 for FFAI. Overall, we had an increase of over 30% participation nationwide. My compliments to Dolores Desch and our National President and Vice President for keeping us all informed. **Please advise your members that we collect the Christmas Appeal Funds all year round.** All funds received will be applied to the next Christmas Appeal. So, feel free to send in your donations at any time. Please make the check payable to: LAOH, Inc and mail to Our National FFAI Chair: **Dolores Desch, 20 Arlene Avenue, Albany, NY 12203.** Please include the name of your Entity (Division, County, State) and your address, email address and phone number. Also, you may indicate in your letter whether you are electing for the funds to go to any of the specific groups listed. A **copy** of your check and donation should also be sent to Joan Moore NYS FFAI Chair, 155 Hunt Ave, Pearl River, NY 10965 or emailed to nysfreedomforallireland@gmail.com. Please see the attached report for NYS contributions and let me know if you have any questions.

We have been hard at work trying to get several representative to sign as co-sponsors of Resolution 888 which deals with justice for Bloody Sunday and **Opposes any attempt by the British government to implement amnesty or statute of limitation laws that would end or inhibit investigations and prosecutions of crimes committed during the Troubles, including on Bloody Sunday.** We picked up 2 more co-sponsors, and now have forty-six co-sponsors backing Congressman Keating's House Resolution 888.

If you are interested in joining the American Brexit Committee, they are always looking for members. Mike Cummings has reached out to the LAOH to get our members involved in the conversation. Some of us are already members. If you have any questions here is the link to their page. <https://www.americanbrexitcommittee.com/> If you would like to join, please contact Mike Cummings at: michaeljohncummings@outlook.com

The AOH had hosted a webinar in January on THE ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS IN AMERICA

HOSTS COLLUSION VICTIMS' AMERICAN APPEAL in which several family members expressed how important our voice and influence are in helping prevent a ban on legacy justice by the British. These families have been through so much and deserve justice and closure for their families. Please continue to be informed and support them in their efforts.

I look forward to seeing many of you in East Durham.

Stay safe and healthy and continue to pray for peace and final unity of Ireland. It is time!!!

Joan Moore

NYS LAOH FFAI Chair

Fund Raising

Happy Spring Ladies!

I hope everyone had a wonderful time being able to enjoy all the St Patrick's day festivities after such a long absence & I pray we stay mindful of what we all missed most...our connections with one and other. Thanks to your participation we have already been able to donate \$1,000.00 to the National Freedom For All Ireland efforts. We have also raised approximately \$1,300.00 through the first round of State shirt sales. If you missed getting a shirt, rest easy we can still order and I do have a few extras available for purchase in East Durham. Please reach out to your county president for additional information on the shirts.

We are currently holding a 50/50 raffle board to benefit The Columban Sisters. Boxes are \$20.00 each

and can be purchased by cash(if local), sending a check- payable to NYSLAOH, 25 Lawrence Dr., Nesconset,NY 11767

or electronically through Venmo or Zelle...please contact me first to verify that your number is available before sending payment. Also, please be sure if sending electronically that the settings are for “friends & Family” and not Goods & Services- or we incur a service charge.

During the Interim Board Meeting in East Durham- we will finalize The Columban Sisters Board and pick the winner-(need not be present). We will also have a smaller 50/50 on Saturday during our fun activities that day!

Finally- we have new LAOH Shamrock Car Magnets available for sale for \$5.00 each (see picture below) that will be available.

Please keep in mind that all of our fundraising activities are done in an effort to continue our good works and to increase our support for all 4 of our Main Charities and are only possible due to your generous support.

In our Motto,
Chris Brogan

631-428-3085



Sports



When: April 30, 2022

Where: McGrath's Edgewood Falls

What: Cornhole Games/Competition**

Why: To have some fun

Time: 1:30pm

Athletic Ability: able to toss some bean bags

Players: Teams of 2

We are hoping to have a Cornhole Competition after the General Session meeting at Gavin's. It will take place at McGrath's. Father Henry is having a barbeque/fundraiser and he graciously invited the ladies to hold our games there. (Although the Ladies are more than welcome to attend the barbeque, you do not need to in order to play Cornhole. There will be a cost for the barbeque. That information is not known yet.) Father Henry has always been a great supporter of the Ladies, and most especially during these last several months.

- If interested, please email Maureen Caffrey - nyslaohsports@gmail.com by April 24th. -
If you do not have a partner then we will do our best to match you up with someone. -
You do not need to be an LAOH member to play. All are invited.

Cornhole (also known regionally as bags, sack toss, or bean bag toss) is a lawn game in which players take turns throwing 16 ounce fabric bean bags at a raised platform (board) with a hole in the far end.

McGrath's is located at 1848 State Route 145, East Durham





*LADIES ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS, INC.
NEW YORK STATE BOARD*

REPORT OF THE NYS IRISH HISTORIAN

March 31, 2022

Dear Sisters,

The theme of the 2021-2022 Irish History Contest was: “The 40th Anniversary of the Irish Hunger Strike 1981. What was the impact on Irish History?” New York State had seven winning entries which were submitted to the LAOH National Irish Historian for judging at the National Level. The New York State Irish History Contest winners will be announced once the LAOH National Board announces their contest winners at the end of March 2022.

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 NYS History Reports for 2021 were different this year and I want to thank all the Counties and Division Historians that submitted their reports in a timely manner. History information submitted will be forwarded to the National Historian.

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 Contest is in the final stage of a series of contests at local and state/affiliate levels. Students begin their journey by presenting their projects in classrooms, schools and districts around the world. Top entries are invited to the state/affiliate level contests. The top two entries in every category at the state affiliate level are then invited to the National Contest. The 2022 National Contest will be held virtually, June 12-16-2022. More information can be found at: www.nhd.org .

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, Vice President, and scroll down to Scholarships.

Look forward to seeing many of you at our state board meeting in East Durham. As always, if I can be of any assistance, please feel free to call or email me.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,
Cathie Norton Doherty
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Hello Sisters:

I hope this finds you all well and enjoying the spring weather we are having.

I will be sending out a Zoom link for the April meeting to the state officers, appointees and presidents for our pre-in-person board meeting.

The NYS St Brigid's Connection was issued on for Q1 2022 in February. I hope that you all were able to see it and enjoyed the content. If you did not see the SBC, you can find it on the website under <https://www.laohnys.com/members/newsletters>. The next issue will be in June and the deadline for submission is June 5, 2022. Please send an email to me with updates, pictures, flyers, etc of what your divisions are doing. If you send a picture, please be sure to send me info about who is in the picture so I can make sure to include that in the newsletter. **I created an email address specifically for the St Brigid's Connection due to the number of emails received for the Webmaster to ensure that no SBC submissions are missed: nyslaohstbrigidconn@gmail.com**

The New York State Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians website <https://www.laohnys.com/> is being updated as I receive items to publish. If you have anything you would like for me to publish to the website, please send me an email. Please use the website as a tool for events, documents, contact information for the state board and appointees, etc.

In addition to the website, the NYS LAOH face book page is a good tool for seeing the current events going on with all NYS Divisions. I try to post and share what I see going on throughout the state. (<https://www.facebook.com/LAOHNYS/>) and just like the website, if there is something you would like me to post to the face book page, please feel free to send me an email.

If you send me an email for submissions to the website or facebook page and you do not see it posted within 24 hours, please send me a quick text letting me know so I can follow up.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Spring State Board Meeting in April in East Durham.

Yours In Our Motto,
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