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Dear Sisters,

It gives me great pleasure to write this letter as the Pennsylvania State President of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians. It is an honor bestowed upon me by you, my Hibernian sisters, and I can assure you that I will take my responsibilities seriously and will represent you in a dignified manner.

I want to thank the convention committee for a job well done. It was a fantastic convention and everyone had an enjoyable time.

As I mentioned at the convention, I am hoping that LAOH in Pennsylvania will see an increase in our membership during, not only my tenure, but in the future. I ask all of you to actively seek new members. Talk to your family, friends, co-workers; tell them about LAOH and invite them to join. We can increase our numbers working together for the good of the Order.

Some divisions may have had a change in officers since the beginning of the year. If your officers have changed, please send State Secretary, Ellen McCrane the updated information at [e.mcrane@comcast.net](mailto:e.mcrane@comcast.net). It is imperative that we have accurate records. Please include e-mail address as most communications will be electronically conveyed.

All divisions are required to purchase a copy of the Convention Proceedings. If you have not already done so, please do so now. I have attached an order form for your convenience.

Past State President Mary Ann Lubinsky has been appointed Webmaster and Communications Chair. If you would like to advertise an event or have any County or Division news that you want on the website, send it to Mary Ann at [irishmare@gmail.com](mailto:irishmare@gmail.com) and she will be happy to accommodate you. As Communications Chair, Mary Ann is responsible for the State Newsletter and articles for publication in the Hibernian Digest. Please send all information to Mary Ann at the above listed address.

The rotating State Board meetings have enabled many of our sisters to attend. We will continue this venue through my term. Our next State Board meeting will take place at the Radisson Hotel, Trevoise, PA on October 8, 2011. State Secretary, Ellen McCrane will be

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sending a letter with the details in the near future. I hope that many of you will be able to attend.

It is my hope that I will be able to visit many of you during the next two years. If you are having a special event, invite me. I will make every effort to attend.

All State Board members are available for mentoring the county boards and divisions. If you have any questions or concerns, you can call or e-mail any board member and she will assist you. The board member closest to your division should be your mentor. She may attend meetings, answer your calls and assist you in every way possible. We are here to help.

Before closing, I would just like to remind you of our motto: Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity. This is not only our motto; this is who we are. We must not just remember the words; we must put those words into practice.

I look forward to serving as your State President for the next two years and I assure you that I will do my best to make you proud to be a member of LAOH in Pennsylvania.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

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