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Dear Sisters,

I am extremely honored that you have entrusted me to serve as your Vice President for the next two years. It has been my pleasure to have worked with our President, Katheen Diulus, over the last several years and I am confident that we will excel under her leadership.

We are very fortunate to have two Degree teams in Pennsylvania, and I look forward to working with both the Claddagh and Tara Teams. Hopefully we can offer as many ladies as possible the opportunity to participate in our Degree ceremony.

We are also lucky enough to have a Junior Division in Allegheny County. I am working on updating my clearances, have registered for a September class of the "Protecting God's Children" program, and hope to be able to participate in some of their activities soon. At the July Convention, it was mentioned that the young ladies would welcome any young ladies from throughout the State, even if they might only be able to participate primarily on Zoom. And while it is not always our preferred way to keep in touch, our young ones seem quite adept at it.

This Fall, LAOH Division 4, Delaware County will celebrate it's 25-year anniversary. And as I joined only a month after the Division was formed, I will have been a Hibernian for 25 years come October. It is crazy how quickly the years have flown by. I have served as President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Historian - which is my current position- and one I truly enjoy. Aside from the LAOH, I am active with the Commodore John Barry Arts & Cultural Center in the Mount Airy section of Philadelphia, or as it is affectionately known-the Irish Center, and have had the pleasure of working with incredible people in Tar Anall America – a group that teaches about and remembers our Irish heroes from the 1916 Rising, the Irish War of Independence, and the more recent Troubles.

We have an excellent Board this term and I am excited to work with all these Ladies and with you. Please feel free to contact me any time. I thoroughly enjoy getting to know you.

Yours in Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity,

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