



# *Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Pennsylvania*



*Friendship, Unity & Christian Charity*



**2023 Edition II**

*A Word from Maria, our President...*

*Greeting Ladies,*

*We are approaching summertime, and the Convention is right around the corner. So having some nicer weather to get out and enjoy the sunshine and warm breezes will be fantastic.*

*The PA State Board meeting was scheduled last month in Johnstown, and we were treated to a fabulous time touring the Convention venue. The Committee has worked hard and put in the time to ensure everything goes smoothly and everyone has a great time.*

*The 2023 Pennsylvania AOH & LAOH State Convention is being held at The Holiday Inn. Please make sure you have already made your reservation. If you still need a room, call 814-535-7777 right away since the blocked rooms are all fully booked, so now the hotel will release a few more, but as of now, we have most of the rooms in the hotel.*

*If you are attending, you will be treated to an Ice Breaker like no other. On Thursday evening, A Night at the Races has been planned. Friday, you will have some choices, including a pub crawl or live concert, and a banquet to celebrate the newly installed officers on Saturday.*

*All information is available on FaceBook or [2023johnstownconvention.com](http://2023johnstownconvention.com).*

*There will be an open position on the PA State Board, so if you are considering one and have any questions feel free to contact me or any member of the Board. It is an excellent opportunity to become a more active part of the organization and share ideas to make us grow.*

*We hope to have one last Newsletter, so send your submissions to Maura if you have anything. She has done an amazing job over the past two years. Feel free to share; we love to read what you and your Division are doing!*

*In our motto,  
Maria*

*Maria Gallagher  
PA State President*



**p.s. check out the details on the last page regarding the Rope Mass**

# State Things to Know...

Don't forget periodically to check our Website! ~ <http://statepalaoh.com>

The History of the LAOH ~ The History of the Pennsylvania LAOH

State Board Members Letters and means to contact

The Anna C. Malia Ruddy Award winners

Bylaws ~ Newsletters ~ Photo Albums

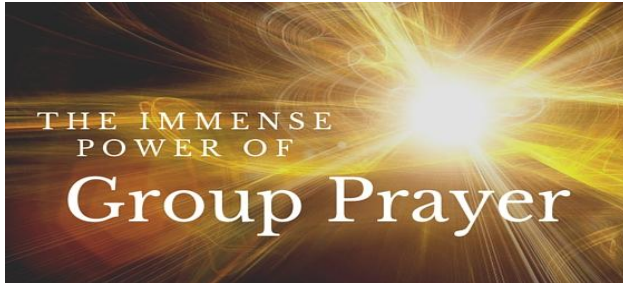
Information from Degree Teams ~ Important Dates

Fundraising from the State and Divisions

State and National Convention details available!



Also, check out our Facebook page at LAOH Pennsylvania State & Instagram page



The members of Bucks County Division 1~ MaryEllen Everett in Bristol welcomes you to join us every Tuesday at 8pm EST to say the Rosary via Zoom.

Please keep our Sisters and their families in your prayers. Also, keep those who were impacted by Hurricane Ian, those who are suffering or died in Ukraine, and all those who can use our prayers.

If you have special intentions that you would like us to

mention before we start the rosary, please email me at [briana.m.curran@gmail.com](mailto:briana.m.curran@gmail.com).

The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5420434510> and the Meeting ID: 542 043 4510.

You can also join by phone: +19294362866,5420434510#

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you, Brianna M. Curran ~ [Brianna.M.Curran@gmail.com](mailto:Brianna.M.Curran@gmail.com)



## *LAOH and our Military Connections*

If you or someone in your Division served in any branch of the US Armed Forces, please forward the following information to Maura Roszyk: [paLAOHmor@gmail.com](mailto:paLAOHmor@gmail.com).

Name, Division, County, Address, Phone number, Email, Branch, Rank, Years of Service, Dates of Service, and Combat Veteran? If yes, what war/conflict?

## *LAOH Blue & Gold Star Mothers of America*

To build yet another network of support for the proud Blue and Gold Star Mothers, the National Committee wishes for us to collect the names and information of those proud Moms.

We ask that all Division Presidents send in a list including name, phone, email, and name and service their children serve or have served. Please forward the listing to Maura Roszyk: [paLAOHmor@gmail.com](mailto:paLAOHmor@gmail.com)



## *LAOH's Embracing Our Heritage Program*

Please visit the National website~ [www.ladiesaoh.com](http://www.ladiesaoh.com) and the LAOH National YouTube channel for upcoming and past programs.



## *Ladies Just a Reminder!*

If you send a Sister an email, **please do not assume that she has received it.**

If you do not get a response, please follow up with a phone call or reach out to someone else in the Division. With so many more people utilizing technology, emails are not always received, go to junk, or are missed by the receiver. Thank you!



*Pennsylvania State Convention  
PA State Convention July 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023 ~ Johnstown, PA*

*The Convention WEBSITE is up and running!*

*Please visit <https://www.2023johnstownconvention.com/>*

*To register, reserve a hotel room, pre-order merchandise and much more!!!*

*Check out the Merchandise!*

- *The Men & Women's Polo shirts are available by pre-order only. Sales will close April 30, 2023.*
- *Merchandise ordered through the website will be ready for pickup at the Holiday Inn - Downtown.*
- *T-Shirts and other Convention Merchandise will be available for purchase at the Convention.*
- *Due to supply chain issues, garment specifications may vary slightly from the sample shown.*

*Woman's Polo \$25*



*Unisex T-shirt \$20*



*Mens Polo \$25*



### *Sponsorship & Program Ad Opportunities*

*Check out the ways you can help to defray the costs to run the Convention*

*We respectfully request that you review the Sponsorship and Program Book Ad opportunities*

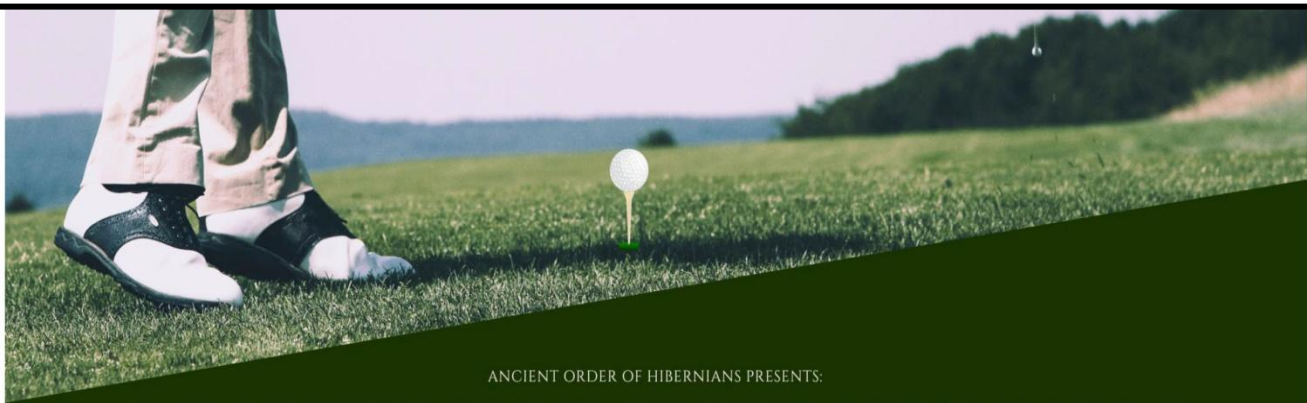
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***The Convention Facebook page is up and running! Please "like" us at:***

***[2023 Pennsylvania AOH & LAOH State Convention | Johnstown PA | Facebook](#)***

***Golf Outing in support of the Convention set for June 5th: Looking for players and sponsors. See Flyer on next page.***



ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS PRESENTS:

# AOH SPRING INVITATIONAL

**MONDAY, JUNE 5**

RAINDATE: JUNE 12, 2023

**10 AM REGISTRATION  
11 AM SHOTGUN START**

**NORTHWINDS PENINSULA GOLF CLUB AT INDIAN LAKE**

**1772 PENINSULA DRIVE CENTRAL CITY, PA 15926**

**\$80 PER PERSON / \$320 PER TEAM**

SKINS & MULLIGANS \$5 EACH / \$20 TEAM

**DINNER TO FOLLOW**

**TO REGISTER:**

**[HTTPS://APP.EVENTCADDY.COM/EVENTS/AOH-SPRING-INVITATIONAL](https://app.eventcaddy.com/events/aoH-spring-invitational)**

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT SETH EVERETT  
(814) 229-2788 - SETH.EVERETT1@GMAIL.COM**



SCAN TO REGISTER

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT AOH MISSION & CHARITIES.

SKILLS CONTESTS - DOOR PRIZES - BASKET RAFFLE - 50/50 DRAWING

**Bronze Sponsorship - \$50.00:**

You will receive a sign with your personal, organization, and/or business name clearly displayed, and it will be placed at one of the holes on the course during the tournament.

**Silver Sponsorship - \$100.00:**

You will receive a sign with your personal, organization, and/or business name clearly displayed, and it will be placed at one of the holes on the course during the tournament. Name, Business Logo, or Organization Logo will be placed on Sponsor Board Recognition at awards/dinner from the podium

**Gold Sponsorship - \$200.00:**

You will receive a sign with your personal, organization, and/or business name clearly displayed, and it will be placed at one of the holes on the course during the tournament. Name, Business Logo, or Organization Logo will be placed on Sponsor Board. Recognition at awards/dinner from the podium. Choice of Beverage Cart, Putting Green, Driving Range or Snack Sponsorship and additional signage provided at the designated location.

**Platinum Sponsorship - \$500.00:**

4-person Scramble Team Registration. Plus, you will receive a sign with your personal, organization, and/or business name clearly displayed, and it will be placed at one of the holes on the course during the tournament. Name, Business Logo, or Organization Logo will be placed on Sponsor Board. Recognition at awards/dinner from the podium. Choice of Beverage Cart, Putting Green, Driving Range or Snack Sponsorship and additional signage provided at the designated location.

Make all checks Payable to: Ancient Order of Hibernians, and mail to Seth Everett, 310 Wilson Street, Johnstown, PA 15906.

Any questions or concerns, please call: Seth Everett at (814) 229-2788. **AOH, Our Lady of Knock, Division 1, Cambria Co. Sponsor**

# Degree Ceremony

Hosted by the Allegheny County Degree Team  
The Degrees of the LAOH will be exemplified on July 22, 2023.  
Registration will begin at 11.00 a.m.  
Degree Exemplification will be held at Noon.



Registration Form can be found at  
[https://www.2023johnstownconvention.com/\\_files/ugd/fd7919\\_aa5c5ffd4105425fbfcf7200c41159a2.pdf](https://www.2023johnstownconvention.com/_files/ugd/fd7919_aa5c5ffd4105425fbfcf7200c41159a2.pdf)

## Get your Program Book Ad in ASAP

Ads must be submitted as "Print Ready"  
Ads may be sent electronically in high definition to Michael Ryan,  
[ryanmc2@gmail.com](mailto:ryanmc2@gmail.com)  
or transferred via internet.

Payment by check on or before May 15, 2023  
Checks should be made payable to: Our Lady of Knock.  
Mail checks to: 2023 AOH Convention Committee,  
c/o Mike Ryan, 353 Luray Avenue, Johnstown, PA 15904.  
The official letter is on the next page.

## Schedule

Our tentative Schedule is posted to the website, but here is a quick overview.  
Thursday, July 20, 2023

- 9:00 AM -Pre-convention committee meetings
- 1:00- 4:00 PM -Opening Business Session of Convention
- 5:00 PM- Ice Breaker @ Cambria County War Memorial

Friday, July 21, 2023

- 8:00- 9:00 AM –Credentials
- 9:00 AM- 5:00 PM – Business Session & Election (if needed)
- Free Night

Saturday, July 22, 2023

- 11:00 PM- Registration for Degree ceremony
- 12:00 PM- Exemplification of Degrees
- 4:00 PM - Mass and Installation of New Officers
- 6:00 PM – Final Banquet @ Johnstown Conference Center

*Check it Out!*



February 9, 2023

Ladies,

As you know, this summer upward of 250 AOH/LAOH members will descend upon Johnstown for the 102<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Pennsylvania State Convention, which begins July 20 and runs through Saturday evening July 22<sup>nd</sup>. I am writing today to invite you to present your Division, your favorite causes, your accomplishments, and/or your greetings in the Convention Booklet.

As in years past, one of the keepsakes from this convention will be a souvenir booklet, which will help guide us through the proceedings of course, but it will also help us introduce ourselves to one another. Getting a page in the booklet is an opportunity to share your Divisions thoughts and wishes with the entire assembly thereby contributing to our high spirits, our sense of camaraderie, and our mutual commitment to **Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity**. Your advertisement will go a long way toward helping our fellow members appreciate the richness of our community while celebrating all that we enjoy about being Irish Catholics. The prices for various sized ads are:

- \$150 Full Page Convention Booklet Ad – 5.5 inch by 8 inch.
- \$80 Half Page Convention Booklet Ad – 5.5 inch by 4 inch.
- \$50 Quarter Convention Booklet Ad – 5.5 inch by 2 inch.

Should you wish to introduce yourselves in this way, all ads must be submitted as “Print Ready” and must be received no later than May 15, 2023. Ads may be sent electronically in high definition to Michael Ryan, [ryanmc2@gmail.com](mailto:ryanmc2@gmail.com) or transferred via internet. Payment by check on or before May 15, 2023, should be made payable to: Our Lady of Knock. Mail checks to: 2023 AOH Convention Committee, c/o Mike Ryan, 353 Luray Avenue, Johnstown, PA 15904.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via email or by phone, (814) 421-6187.

Thank you!

In our motto,

Michael Ryan

**Last minute Update!**  
**Ads can be accepted up**  
**to June 1<sup>st</sup>!**  
**Let's show our support &**  
**get in a Ad from your Division.**

# *News & Photos from Around the Commonwealth*

## *Pennsylvania Proud!*

### *County and Division Updates*

#### **Lackawanna County**

*It's March, "Irish American Heritage Month."*

*President Dorothea Crowley, along with the LAOH ladies of Lackawanna County Scranton PA, gathered at the County Courthouse March 5th for the Irish flag raising ceremony. So let the shenanigans and malarkey begin St Patrick's Day is right around the corner.*



*In honor of Saint Patrick, we participated in a Mass at Saint Peters Cathedral in Scranton, which is always the first stop on Parade Day for the LAOH Lasses of Lackawanna County. We proudly gather bright and early to line up for Mass!*

*County Board vice-president Dorothea Crowley was honored to participate in the Offertory of the Mass celebrated by The Most Reverend Bishop Joseph C. Bambara.*

*It's the luck of the Irish to march in one of the nation's largest nationally acclaimed parades honoring Saint Patrick.*





## **Division #1 ~ JFK ~ Lackawanna County**



## **Division #4 ~ Maud Gonne ~ Scranton ~ Lackawanna County**

*"The Irish heart is warm & wide, a place where love and peace abide."*

*At our March meeting, we collected women's and children's socks, and non-perishable food items for the Catherine McAuley Center.*



*From left to right, Nancy McAndrew Yavoroski, Division President, Mary Anne McAndrew, Vice President and Chrissy Lavelle, Mistress at Arms.*

*Éire go Brách,*

*Honoring our Irish heritage, we lassies proudly march in the country's second-largest Saint Patrick's Day Parade!*



**DIVISION 4 MAUD GONNE LADIES ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS**





*The lilt of Irish laughter is always in the air when these proud Irish Sisters come together!*



*We welcomed a new sister to their ranks, Ellen O'Halloran Perry. Standing behind L-R Carolynn Wahl; Treasurer, Kristin Krowiak; Recording Secretary, Chrissy Lavelle; Mistress at Arms, Kathleen Rude; Division Member, Mary Anne McAndrew; Vice-president and Nancy McAndrew Yavoroski; President*

*During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on “almsgiving,” which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity.*

*As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is “a witness to fraternal charity” and “a work of justice pleasing to God.” – U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops*

*In March, we donated our monthly collection of non-perishable food & water to Catholic Social Services.*



*Seated L-R Nancy McAndrew Yavoroski , Chrissy Lavelle .*

*Standing: Judy Muta Krell, Jean Hannon, MaryAnne McAndrew, Carolyn Wahl, and Kristin Keenan Krowiak*



## **Division #2 ~ JFK ~ Pottsville~ Schuylkill Parading!**



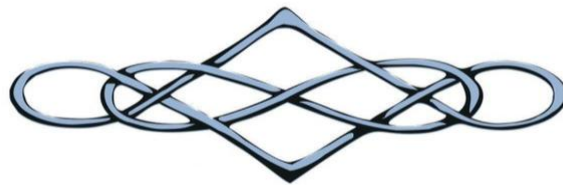
**Parading!!**





**Division #3 ~ Carbondale ~ Lackawanna County**

*Laure Carlo and Georgeann Dougherty hosted our St. Patrick's Luncheon held at The Highlands on March 12, 2023. The LAOH Sisters had an IRISH good time. Happy St. Patrick's Day!*



**Celtic Symbol for eternal  
friendship and trust.**



## **Division #21~ Castle Shannon~ Allegheny County**

*We celebrated St. Patrick Day's at our March 14th meeting, dressed in our finest green and Irish sweaters. Peggy Bond made her now-famous scones, served with Clotted cream, which was enjoyed by all. Noreen Herward made a chocolate cake that would rival local bakeries.*



Seated left to right: Eileen Sheridan, Kathy Gorman, Joann Stemberger, and Noreen Herward:  
Standing left to right: Clare Ansberry Smith, Peggy Bond, Mary Ann Raymer, Kathleen McCarty, Tara Chevdar, Annie McCann, Virginia Gates, Helen Rafferty, Becky Ricci and Eileen O'Malley.



## **Division # 3~ Maire Drumm ~ Montgomery County**

*A great day at the Conshohocken St. Patrick's Day parade!*







**Division #87 ~ Our Lady of Knock ~ Port Richmond, Philadelphia County**  
**Nothin' Better than a Parade!**



***In May, we hosted a baby shower for Guiding Star***





## Division #39 ~ St. Brigid ~ Philadelphia County



We had a fabulous time parading!



Good times & eats at  
O'Jungs Restaurant



Our men's Division generously gifted us with 2 plaques ~ one in commemoration for our 40th Anniversary as a Division and the other was listing all our Presidents Past and Present.



And of course, we had a wonderfully successful Irish Potato rolling & sale







## **Division #1 ~ Mary Ellen Everett ~ Bristol**

### **The Little Ladies of Div 1, Bristol Pa**

At their April meeting, the Little Ladies colored Easter themed pages, continued to learn Irish dance, broke bread where they talked about the meaning of breaking the bread and washing of the feet, enjoyed Easter treats, and of course collected some great breakfast goodies for our local school pantry! Our Little Ladies are fully embracing Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity!



**The Ladies**  
In April ~ we installed  
8 new members!



This season we set a personal record of rolling 998lbs of Irish Potatoes!!

Three weekends, nine days in total to mix, roll, and box these AMAZING candies!

We have 20 local businesses carrying their Irish Potatoes to help with sales. We are extremely grateful to their members, the community, and their local businesses in assisting with this tasty fundraiser! The proceeds will assist with their Annual Giving, Annual Scholarships, and providing the opportunity to help their community more this year!



The Little Ladies joined us as we participated in the Bucks County St. Patrick's Day parade on Saturday, March 11th. After the parade, we went back to the AOH Hall for our Hoolie.



It was a great afternoon of music, family, and fun!

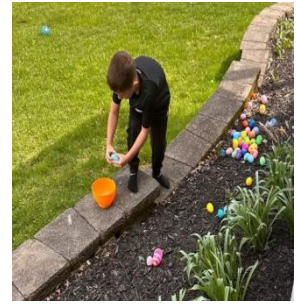
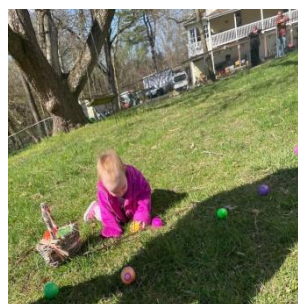


We attended St. Patrick's mass on March 18th at St. Mark Church in Bristol Borough with the AOH Bucks County Division 1. After mass, St. Mark's parishioners were welcomed back to the AOH Hall to enjoy food, desserts, and beverages.



Again, this year we ran our Annual "Egg My House" Fundraiser.

Our amazing members donated the eggs, candy, and stickers, making the fundraiser 100% profit. Our Easter Bunnies had a great time decorating & the children enjoyed their hunts on Easter morning!



## **Division #4 ~ Trinity ~ Delaware County**

We have been busy planning our 25th Anniversary Celebration in the Fall. We have booked the Oaks Ballroom for a Communion Breakfast on Sunday, October 22nd, to mark the occasion.

All LAOH Sisters are most welcome to join us. More details will be coming.

Several Sisters participated in the annual Philadelphia area Easter Commemoration on April 16th.

We remembered all who fought for Irish freedom before us—especially Joseph McGarrity, Danny Cahalane, and Luke Dillon.

Our May gathering to recite the rosary was on May 10th. We continue to ask our Blessed Mother to intercede for us in all our endeavors. As of this writing, we are planning an afternoon at the Painted Teacup and look forward to the summer months.



**LAOH ladies from Delaware County, Delaware, and Philadelphia with Sinn Fein MP Francie Molloy, speaker for the Commemoration.**



## **Divison #18 ~ Daughters of Erin ~ Girardville**





## **Division #61 ~ Philadelphia County**

*Our May meeting was such a beautiful night & we celebrated Mother's Day!*



## **Division #32 ~ Maud Gonne ~ Carnegie, Allegheny**

*We joined with their Brother Hibernians from Sean MacBride AOH Div. 32 on April 16th at the Chartiers Country Club for their 30th Annual Division Communion Breakfast.*

*At that time, we honored our Hibernian of the Year, Nancy Anderson, and the Sharon McGrath Service Award recipient, Peggy Harkins.*



*Back row: Maureen Donnelly (Secretary), Gerry Abbott (Financial Secretary), Maureen Seufert (President), Patti Flaus (PA State Treasurer & Immediate Past President), Kitty Kon, Nancy Bell-Remaley, Kathy O'Donnell, Lorrie Carroll  
Front Row: Kathleen Bado, Mary Helen Gannon, Nancy Anderson (Hibernian of the Year), and Peggy Harkins (Sharon McGrath Service Award winner)*



## **Division #1 ~ Tir Na'N Og'~ Lehigh Valley**

For us, March like Divisions across the country was busy but oh so wonderfully fun!  
We participated in Flag Raisings, Community Cultural Day, Parade Coronation, and of course, we were in the Allentown 64<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade!



**Community Cultural Day**  
A day of crafts & trivia

**Mass & Parade**



**Allentown City Hall**





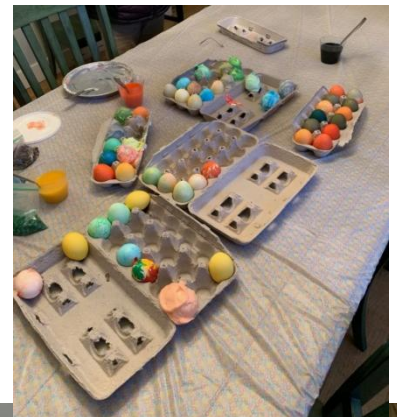
*Vice President Darlene Wentzel's brother created this amazing floral display for our lead car!*



***In April, in good Irish tradition, we held our own Herring Ceremony***



***And, we dyed eggs with the moms of Cay Galgon***



# *News & Updates from the State Board*

*In this edition, the State Board was asked to reflect upon the National Convention.*

*Vice President* ~ Kathleen Diulus

Our State Convention quickly approaches and I am looking to getting together in person and reconnecting with everyone. I always find conventions reaffirm and reinvigorate my commitment to our Order. I draw strength from the information shared and am so inspired by the actions of our membership.

Stay tuned, I will be letting everyone know soon about our Fundraiser at the Convention.

If I can be of assistance in any way to your Division, please let me know.

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity, Kathleen



*Secretary* ~ Carolyn Killion

Sisters,

*Isn't it wonderful finally to have warm weather? I hope you all have the opportunity to enjoy it.*

*Thank you Thank you to all Division and County Secretaries for completing the membership reports, which have been submitted to National.*

*I am happy to report that as of December 2022, we had 1,412 members spread throughout 34 Divisions. And we have a presence in 15 Pennsylvania counties.*

*The National Secretary has asked that all Divisions work on obtaining the installation date of all members. This data is essential as we move toward creating a National database. It may be difficult for some to remember, but a best guess is acceptable.*

*Many Divisions did show a decrease in membership, but some are increasing. Let's try to learn from these Divisions the best ways to recruit and retain membership. Hopefully, we will have the opportunity at the upcoming State Convention in July.*

*I am looking forward to seeing many of you in Johnstown.*

*All the best, Carolyn*



*Treasurer* ~ Patti Flaus

Ladies,

*Now that the 2022 Annual Reports have been submitted and approved, it's not too early to start thinking about your 2023 reports!*

*There are two forms on the PA State LAOH website that can make your reporting a píosa ciste! (That would be a piece of cake in Gaelic. You've gotta love Bitesize Irish!)*

*If you use either of these forms on a monthly basis, you'll have all the information you'll need to complete your report easily once you receive them.*

*You can always*

*Contact me if you have any questions about using them. OR, if you only want to chat!*

*I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in Johnstown!*

*Go n-éiri an bóthar leat! ~Patti*





## *Irish Historian* ~ Carole Cooney Syzdek

Hello Ladies,

This year we sent out Certificates of Appreciation to all the students who submitted essays for our Irish History Contest. And, Pennsylvania had a First Place Winner in Level 2! Thank you to everyone that sent in their Division & County History Reports, I appreciate you! Looking forward to seeing everyone at Convention!  
In Our Motto, Carole Cooney-Syzdek



### *Past Presidents*

**We here in the Commonwealth are so genuinely blessed to have so many active Past Presidents, so we reserve this section of the Newsletter for them to add some of their knowledge, wisdom, and inspiration.**

#### *Colleen Bowers*

Dear Sisters,

I have been busy mentoring my Division in Allegheny County. In addition, I am still pouring my heart and soul into promoting Domestic Violence Awareness.

I was invited by Pittsburgh's President of City Council, Theresa Kail Smith, to attend the Council's Post Agenda on May 30 at 6 pm as a speaker concerning Domestic Violence Awareness and how Domestic Violence affects families, etc. I invite you, my friends, to attend the session in council chambers to support me and my mission of educating the community about how horrible this crime is against anyone in a domestic abuse relationship. Unfortunately, I couldn't prevent my daughter from murder, but maybe her voice and my message will affect another person to gain the strength to leave before they become another statistic and lose their life.

I am honored that the NY State LAOH Military Affairs invited me to be the guest speaker for military women concerning Domestic Violence. National Military Affairs Officer Cathy Dougherty is the organizer of this event. I am just waiting for the date to finalize everything.

Pittsburgh City and County Councilmen have agreed to take the Men Challenge Pledge. Very happy with this partnership on this topic.  
I purchased 500 blankets and identified 13 Domestic Violence Shelters across the Commonwealth. Thus far, 70 blankets have gone to homeless veterans for transitions into their own homes, along with 30 blankets to the POWER organization for women with addiction transitioning to a clean life. My company Amazon PIT5 picked up my 7.5 pallets of blankets and paid for the packaging/shipment of 15 different entities.

Overall, I have been very busy the past two months!

My next venture is to raise \$10,000 to donate to these same entities with other items necessary to provide the help needed to all those affected. Colleen





## *Rae DiSpaldo*

As a past State President, I have the privilege of mentoring Divisions in Bucks and Montgomery Counties and assisting our current State President. In January, I joined Maria in installing all LAOH Montgomery County Division and County Officers. What a pleasure to see strong women in these positions. I also coordinated with Sister Lisa Breslin to host a County retreat. The day was an amazing spiritual experience, and I encourage Divisions and Counties to host a retreat.

I offer my assistance to all across our great Commonwealth, as it is wonderful to see our membership grow and do such good works. Rae

## *Ellen McCrane*

*Besides my mentoring duties, I continue to serve as the Administrator for the LAOH State Facebook group. I am happy to report that we have shown an increase in membership. Please feel free to post your County/Division events; of course, Maura loves when you post pictures! Please feel free to reach out with any questions, and I want to help you & your Division. Ellen*

## *Catching up with other Committees:*

### *Freedom for All Ireland ~ Kathleen Varady*

As the political climate in Ireland has evolved this past year with several positive movements, we must stay vigilant here in compelling our American politicians to continue to support Ireland. We, too, the LAOH can support not only the political progress, but other Irish organizations.

I ask that your Divisions & Counties continue to support FFAI fundraisers & we can make a difference!

Looking forward to July ~ Kathleen

### *Publicity ~ Maura O'Donnell-Roszyk*

*I apologize for the delay in this Newsletter. It features St. Patrick's Season and Easter fun. I encourage everyone to take pictures at your events & meetings; lots of fun happens there too. We will publish another Newsletter in early July that will feature Convention news and happenings.*

*However, the Newsletter team still wants submissions from all Counties & Divisions regarding what has been happening with you. Please feel free to send in the information and pictures after the event and you do not have to wait until a call for submissions goes out.*

*Watch for some fast facts about Johnstown; it's a great place to visit! Maura*

*Webmaster ~ Mary Ann Lubinsky*

We have had 1,439 hits on our website since January 1<sup>st</sup>  
The Convention link is on our website with all the details for our exciting Convention, check it out.  
Looking forward to July ~ Mary Ann

*Degree Team Information*

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY CLADDAGH DEGREE TEAM**

We are honored to be the Degree Team for the 2023 Convention!  
Please get your paperwork in ASAP so that we can plan accordingly.  
Looking forward to another beautiful ceremony.



**PHILADELPHIA COUNTY TARA DEGREE TEAM**

*The Philadelphia Tara Degree Team is looking for members to join our Team!  
Please feel free to contact a member of the Membership Committee for further information*

*Maureen Dougherty Brown*

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*Mary Anne Dooley*

*[biged3030@aol.com](mailto:biged3030@aol.com)*

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*The Blessing of God on you ~ Bail ó Dhia ort  
Let's us remember the Souls of the recently departed  
Eternal rest grant unto our Dearly Departed Sisters*



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Mary Patricia Phillip ~ Division One Lehigh Valley*



Compassionate and Gracious God, we come to you today to thank you for giving us a chance to live with our loved ones who recently left this world to come into your presence. Lord God Almighty, we know that they were not perfect, but they did love you with all their heart and truly repented for their sins. May they find love and peace in your presence. Do not let our loved one to be parted from you, let your faithful servant enjoy your glory forever. In Jesus' powerful name, I believe and pray. Amen.

# Prayer Requests

*The Power of Prayer is so very mighty therefore, we ask you to include the following Special people in yours.*



Ellen McCrane, PA Past State President, Maria Gallagher, current PA State President, PA State Vice President Kathleen Diulus, and all of our Sisters who are battling Breast Cancer or are survivors. St. Peregrine and St. Agatha, pray for them.



Kathleen Varady's grandson, B ~ as he deals with several obstacles thrown in his life path.



Linda Nevedomsky of Division 87 as she deals with medical issues.



Nancy Cullen of Division 39~ grandson, Ronan as he recovers from his surgery.



Our newly elected National Secretary Sandy Swift's husband Matt, as he deals with medical issues.



Sammi Smith & MaryEllen O'Donnell of Division One~ Lehigh Valley ~ as they face medical issues.



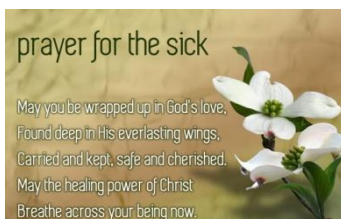
We pray for peace and civility in our home country, America and our motherland, Ireland.



Everyone impacted by the horrific situation in the Ukraine.



*A special prayer for everyone's Special Intentions.*



Additionally, we ask for prayers of strength and courage to all of those ailing & their caregivers Also, to all the Sisters, Priests, and others without loved ones to pray for their soul. And, a prayer for us all as each one of us faces our daily struggles, fears, and pains.



## *Be safe ~ BÍ curamach*

*Lastly...Please send in your Good News, Committee Updates, or Prayer Requests so together, we can celebrate & support each other.*

*Please email them to Maura O'Donnell-Roszyk at [paLAOHmor@gmail.com](mailto:paLAOHmor@gmail.com) To be sure, I received ~ please message me if I do not send you a RECEIVED response.*



A WOMAN'S PRAYER ~ SR. PEGGY FLAHERTY, CDP

*Make us, O God, spirit-filled women...women of prayer...women of vitality...women of vision..  
women of courage...risk-taking women.*

*Fill us with your love...a love, which affirms...a love, which calls forth...a love, which challenges...a love, which  
frees.*

*Grant us your gift of Godliness... a reverence for you. Instill in our hearts the spirit of holy Joy...the joy that  
sanctifies...the joy that gives...the joy of one who loves... the joy that imparts to others the spirit born of self-  
control.*

*Make us Peace-seeking women...instruments of your peace...directed by your Wisdom,  
bridge builders...working with others for justice to bring about true peace.*

*Give us Patience...a strong patience which enables us to trust and to keep heart in the face of disappointments,  
frustrations, and failures.*

*Plant deep within our attitudes your kindness...make us women who are open and friendly...women of  
hospitality...women who image our people friendly God. Impart to us your spirit of Goodness...Make us women  
who believe in the good of the other...who speak the good to each other and about each other...who do good for one  
another...Bestow on us your gift of knowledge that we may know you who are the source of all good.*

*Root us in your Fidelity...a fidelity that keeps us true to you...walking in integrity in your presence...*

*Mold us into faithful women...women who are true to ourselves...true to others... true to life and all creation.*

*Form us into women who follow your Counsel in all things, who uphold true values and the rights of all people.*

*Make us, O God, Spirit filled Irish women, trusting you and one another as we move into this 21<sup>st</sup> Century.*

Our Late Pennsylvania State Chaplain, Sister Peggy Flaherty, also Dorothy Weldon's sister, wrote this beautiful & inspirational prayer.

Sister Peggy was a member of the Sisters of Divine Providence in Pittsburgh, PA. She was the youngest member of the Order to become a Principal of St. Peter and Paul School in Beaver County, PA until her death.

Sister was also the Chaplain of the LAOH, Allegheny County and loved by all.

She was elected State Chair of Catholic Action before her untimely death and served us well.

She was truly loved by everyone, always available to assist and a genuine Irish Catholic Woman as her Father, Martin Flaherty was born in County Galway, Ireland, and Mother, Mary McElligott Flaherty, born in County Kerry, Ireland.

One last quick thought...

Join Sisters and Brothers across the Commonwealth as we commemorate the **Day of the Rope**, marking the 146<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the execution of the Molly Maguires



In commemoration, a Memorial Mass will be celebrated under the gallows in the **Old Jail Museum at 10am, Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**128 West Broadway, Jim Thorpe, PA 18229**